

interdict, when possible, these dilapidated Chinese vessels that are transporting these illegal immigrants. The local command, which is currently undermanned and overextended, is doing the impossible under such circumstances. I commend the Coast Guard for their tireless efforts to mitigate the influx of illegal immigrants to Guam.

We are all proud of the incredible work that the men and women of the Coast Guard do for our nation every day. With that, I strongly urge passage of this authorization.

IN HONOR OF FERNANDO NUESI

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fernando Nuesi, a native of the Dominican Republic. Mr. Nuesi is currently residing in the Cypress Hills section of East New York, Brooklyn. He is devoted to making his community a better place in which to live and work.

Fernando Nuesi was born and raised in Puerto Plata. He obtained his pilot's license from Pan American Aviation Academy in 1982. He is also a graduate of Bronx Community College. Fernando decided to take on a new venture by opening the Atlantic Car Service Base. This was a much needed transportation service for the East New York Community. His company provided around-the-clock service for all the boroughs, airports and connecting states.

In 1989, Fernando furthered his entrepreneurship with his Used Car Dealership. He sells automobiles, both wholesale and retail, to the community and people all over the world. He has lived in the East New York area for over 24 years; he often expresses the pleasure he has in working and living in the same community. Fernando and his family are loyal members of Blessed Sacrament RC Church.

Mr. Speaker, Fernando Nuesi has been an extremely positive force in his community for several years. As such, he is more than deserving of receiving our recognition today, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly outstanding man.

OFFICIAL LIST OF HOUSE 2000-2001 PAGE CLASS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, with appreciation and recognition of their service to this Institution, I am once again submitting a complete list of all the individuals who served as part of the 2000-2001 House Page class. The list that appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD dated June 7 was not complete and I wanted to make certain the entire class was appropriately and officially recognized.

Jessica Adams, Narvell Arnold, Camille Baldwin, Erika Ball, Ashleigh Barker, Erin Baumann, Jane Bee, Kristin Blanchet, Christopher Bohannon, and Seth Brostoff.

Michael Byers, Ilona Carroll, Alesia Cheatham, Aaron Clayson, Eric Colleary, Joshua Cornelissen, Jason Davis, Kelly DiBisceglie, Adam Estes, and Jennifer Evans. Lauren Favret, Corey Fitze, Brian Footer, Dane Genter, Ann Grants, Erin Grundy, Ryan Gualdoni, Allison Hamil, Leon Harris, and Ashley Harrison.

Brian Henry, Christin Huisman, Sarah Hulse, Audra Jones, Benjamin Kaiser, Sarah Kozel, Jeff Leider, Christina Lemke, Bradley Loomis, and Claire Markgraf.

Benjamin Melitz, Nicholas Mentone, Brett Moore, Gregory Muck, Richard Nguyen, Charzetta Nixon, Amber Polk, William Pouch, Barry Pump, and Sean Ready.

Jana Reed, Bethany Ruscello, Julia Sargeant, Kristin Saybe, Sarah Schleck, Sarah Seipelt, Brittany Sisk, Ben Snyder, Christopher Sprowls, and Martha Stebbins.

Paul Stone, Ryan Tanner, Carin Taormino, Robert Terrell, Chapman Thompson, Stephanie Vermeesch, Robert Wehagen, Sarah Williford, Jason Williquette, and Bradley Willson.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I submit to the RECORD remarks by the Rev. Robert E. Casey, Pastor of St. Brigid's Church in South Boston and the remarks of Cardinal Bernard Law at the funeral mass for the late Honorable JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY.

SERMON—VIGIL SERVICE FOR CONGRESSMAN
JOHN "JOSEPH" MOAKLEY
(By Rev. Robert E. Casey)

Today, tomorrow, and Friday, have been set aside to remember Congressman "Joe" Moakley. We come to this Church tonight to pray for Joe, and to be comforted by the words of our Lord. I think it is fitting that we come here to Saint Brigid's, because it was here that Joe came to pray. It was here that Joe came to be comforted by his Lord. It was here that Joe came to be strengthened by his Lord.

I do not stand here tonight, pretending that I knew Joe well. I knew of him for many years through his work in congress, especially from his many efforts to bring justice for the six murdered Jesuits in El Salvador. I first met him a year ago, when I arrived here as the new pastor, and I remember him patting me on the back after mass and with a big smile—welcoming me to Saint Brigid's. I suppose I am like most people, who are not a longtime friend, or a close relative that knew him intimately. But like the many who knew Joe from a distance, from the work he did, for the values he stood for. Someone said to me yesterday: "You know, you didn't have to know Joe intimately for a long time—to know the type of person he was." And I guess that is true—there are so many like me out there who didn't know the

man very well, but knew what type of man he was.

We have heard and seen in the news and in the newspaper articles, story after story, relating to us a man of goodness. Things like: he was a rare breed, a gentle soul, the people's legislator, one who always had time to assist. People talked about his hidden greatness, his humility, his wit, and his basic goodness. And I think that is why, we, who didn't know him well—felt like we knew him. Why? Because we want so desperately to know a man of such goodness. We want to look up to a man that had values, had faith in God, and had an innate drive to help others in need. Why was Joe Moakley this person? Many reasons I'm sure—but tonight I'd like to attribute it to his faith in God. He was a child of God. In fact in one of his recent interviews, he quoted scripture when speaking of his life accomplishments: "Do unto others, as you would have them do to you!"

Joe Moakley lived a life of service to others—not for his own accomplishments to be noticed, but to have others take notice of those who

That is why we come tonight to Saint Brigid's. Because it was here that Joe nourished his faith as a child of God. It is here that we come to listen to our Lord's consoling words to Joe, as he said to Martha in tonight's gospel: "Don't worry—he will live again!" If you believe, if you have faith in God—you will live again.

Many were amazed at Joe's peacefulness and grace these last months since his announcement of his illness. That grace and peace that he possessed came from his belief that he would have a share in eternal life. That life does not end, that life merely changes. And that is what gives us hope tonight as we pray for someone loved by those who knew him well, and not so well—that for Joe Moakley, the child of God, the believer in Jesus Christ—for him—life has not ended, it is merely changed. His new life with God has just begun. And his life with you has not ended either—it has merely changed—for the good memories that you keep of Joe, all the good that this "good man" has done—will live on, as Joe's spirit continues to live in our hearts.

Joe does not sit tonight in the 10th pew from the back, where he usually sat, unnoticed—kneeling, praying, or singing the songs. He is here in front of us all—telling us as we look back on his life—how we might follow our Lord's command "to do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

REMARKS AT CONGRESSMAN MOAKLEY'S FUNERAL MASS

(By Cardinal Bernard Law)

After I had the privilege of anointing Joe, after the public announcement of the course of his illness, we spoke about the funeral, and I asked him to do me a favor. I said, Joe I've got a problem as an Archbishop. Funerals have gotten out of hand, and the focus has not always been where it should be. Will you help me get it back? And I'm so grateful to him for that. I know of no public servant's passing that has been more beautifully and appropriately marked than has his death.

If I may presume, Tom and Bob, to speak a word of gratitude on your behalf, that of your entire family, and that of Joe's staff, which was much more than staff, it was extended family, and that gratitude goes for all who have in these days and during these past several months shown their respect for and their love of your dear brother, your uncle

and your friend. The extraordinary outpouring of affection from this Commonwealth, this nation and indeed beyond is a most fitting tribute to the public service which he rendered. The presence of President Bush, former President Clinton, former Vice President Gore, the Congressional delegation, Governor Swift, Mayor Menino and so many other public servants attests to the esteem in which all of us hold Joe.

The two vigil services, first here in Saint Brigid's and then at the State House, and this Mass I know have brought you strength and consolation. With you I wish to acknowledge Father J. Donald Monan, S.J., Senator Edward Kennedy, and Congressman James McGovern, who is so much more than a Congressional colleague, for their parts in those vigil services. Your remarks were moving indeed and I thank you for that.

To Father Robert Casey, Joe's pastor here at Saint Brigid's, for all he has done, along with the musicians, the Vigil Services, the two magnificent musical groups here today,

the youngsters who sang just before mass, the servers, including two of Joe's grandnieces, and all the participants who have enhanced our worship, Joe's family and all of us are most grateful to you. We are in Monsignor Thomas McDonnell's debt for his moving homily—and to President William Bulger for the magnificent way in which he evoked Joe's memory, paid tribute to him, and allowed us a very well needed laugh.

I thank in your name, Tom and Bob, Metropolitan Methodios of the Greek Orthodox Church, the ecumenical as well as the interreligious representatives, my brother Catholic bishops and priests, the Religious women and men who are with us and all who are joined with us in prayer both here in the church, in the surrounding buildings, and by means of television.

What a gift it is to die as Joe did—believing that Jesus conquered both sin and death in his death upon the cross—and that in His resurrection and His ascension we have a

sure hope of everlasting life if our lives are rooted in His.

The great temptation which each one of us faces is to separate faith from life. The great temptation is to lock our faith in a narrow ghetto in a part of our lives. Joe's record of public service shows that he allowed faith to inspire and to penetrate his public service. As Congressman McGovern said in his remarks here in the Church and as Billy Bulger commented, this pulpit was a source of inspiration and vision for Joe. His faith was nourished in this Church and the surrounding parishes and in his family, where he first learned to reach out a helping hand, in that beautiful phrase, to those upstairs, downstairs and across the back fence.

He enjoyed an uncommon freedom as a politician, because he placed no limits on faith's demands. Jesus said, you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Please stand and join me now in the prayers of final commendation.